# LA FOLLETTE STORY OF BRIBE OFFER IS RELATED IN ARTICLE

#### Progressive Leader's Autobiography Gives Version of Noted Treasurers' Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23,-"He had his pocketbook in one hand a roll of bills in the other. For an instant I was dazed, and then the thing surged through me. I felt that I could not keep my hands off his throat." United States Senator Robert M. La

Follette, in the January installment of his autobiography which is being published in the American Magazine, describes in the above words the feelings that came over him when an attempt was made to bribe him in the famous

Wisconsin treasury suits.

La Foliette has just been defeated for re-election to Congress. The Democrats had secured control of the State administration in January, 1891, and one of their first steps was to bring suit

The autogiography continues:
"I said to him 'if you struck me in the face you could not insult me as you insult me now. You don't want to hire me as an attorney. You want me to talk to the judge about your case off the bench." "Sawyer then asked how much I would take as a retainer. I answered, You haven't enough money to em-

### Hairpins as Evidence In Suit for Divorce GOTHAM PHYSICIAN

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 23.— That Dr. Albert Reed, of Highland, and his wife, Eloise, were living together apparently as husband and wife after Dr. Reed had sued for a divorce, naming John B. Moule, seventy year old, a wealthy dairyman, as co-respon dent, was the main line of the defense when the trial of the divorce action brought by Dr. Reed was continued before Justice Morschauser here today. Senator Linson, of Kingston, counsel for Mrs. Rede, moved for a dismissal of the complaint on the ground that since the beginning of the action last March, the couple have been living in the same house apparently as husband and wife. Justice Morschauser reserved decision. Witnesses for the derense then testified that they had seen Dr. Reed and his wife together as late as last October, and that they acted affectionately toward each other.

Miss Jennie M. Smith, of Kinston, sister of Mrs. Reed, testified that she and Mrs. Reed one day in 1910 found a garment worn by Miss Lillian Ean, of Kinston, Dr. Reed's main witness, in the physician's room. On another occasion, she said, they found hairpins which they identified as Miss Ean's.

The hearing will be resumed on January 20. when the trial of the divorce action

# Maryland Apples

ranged in an exhibit at the Southern of five men to strap the afflicted suf-Commercial Congress Hall today. The ferer to his bed. After treating the apples were collected by the Maryland case, Dr. Naughty found that sallva Agricultural College experiment station from the patient's mouth had dropped

Agricultural College experiment station from Maryland fruit growers.

It is intended to make the exhibit permanent by replacing the fruit by new samples as soon as the old ones begin to decay. Trays contain tempting Stayman, winesaps, Grimes' golden, and the brilliant red winesap. On shelves are arrayed the mammoth red streaked Tompkins' king, the twenty ounce, the fall pippin, the Wolfe river, and the Arkansas black. Specimens of the Chinese champion quince also are shown.

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Woman's Arm Falls

#### Woman's Arm Falls From Christmas Tree

CLIFTON HEIGHTS, Pa., Dec. 23. Adam Fowler, a local dealer, today shook out a fine Christmas tree to sell to a woman customer. As he did so the arm of a woman amputated above the elbow dropped out of the branches. The so far been clever enough to escape woman was hardly shocked worse than their clutches, but they are on the lookbow dropped out of the branches. The the dealer, and an investigation is prom-

sed.
Stories of the gruesome find, and of various theories suddenly evolved therefrom, kept the town busy all day, especially the children, who gathered in the arm, as long as it groups to see the arm, as long as it was to be seen, then discussed it with bulging eyes after it was put away. The trees came to Fowler from Maine, and the probability is either that this arm is the product of a legitimate amputation, but carelessly left unburied n the Maine woods, or a part of some ragedy's victim.

The arm is well preserved and apparently was amputated recently. The agernalis are perfect.

#### Troops for Hankow.

Official reports to the Department of State, today say that two companies of Japanese infantry and one machine gun detachment will arrive about December 31, at Hankow for the protection of the Japanese consulate there.

Simple ceremonies marked the funeral From Sheridan comes the information that the two stacks of the Berkshire Iron Company, of that place, which have been out of blast for a long time, will be started up about the middle of Janusulate there.

### Julia Murdock Says Otis Skinner Regards Present Task His Greatest

is Otis Skinner's motto. He rives in the past, nor dreams of the future, but gives all sart and intellect to the role of ason. According to him, his favrole just now is Hajj, the begriff washing a to which was his e role.

Y, Hajj, to be sure," was his refer first of all, I am interested t I am doing; after that in what This is Otis Skinner's motto. neither lives in the past, nor dreams dle dreams of the future, but gives all his heart and intellect to the role of the season. According to him, his favorite role just now is Hajj, the beg-gar in "Kismet." This was his answer to the question as to which was his

"Why, Hajj, to be sure," was his rein what I am doing; after that in what Ring Falls Into I hope to do and last of all, in what I have done. Past performances do not count for much in theatrical life, though many actors and actresses are forever boasting of what they did when they vere with So and So.

Moreover, Mr. Skinner is himself deeply intersted in the role of Haji, and he has reason to be, for of all Mr. Skinner's creation of the past ten or fifteen years, he has never had a part which affords him one-half the chance, as does the role of the begger.

It is an interesting character; one part Falstaff, one part the jolly regue Autolyous, and another part purely Oriental, fatalistic of passions primitive and strong. Mr. Skinner runs the gamut

against all State treasurers of the preceding twenty years who had farined out the public funds to favored banks.

Senator Sawyer, a Republican boss, was one of the bondsmen for the treasurers, and stood to lose heavily in case the court should force the defendants to pay back large amounts.

The cases were set for trial before Circuit Judge Robert G. Siebecker, a Democrat, a former law partner and a brother-in-law of La Follette. Sawyer made an appointment with La Follette at the Plankington Hotel. They retired to the parlor and Sawyer quickly stated the proposition he had to offer.

"No one knows I am to meet you here," said Sawyer, according to the autoblography. "I want to hire you as an attorney in the case and don't want you to go into court. Here is \$66. I will give you \$500 or \$1,000 more when Siebecker decides the case right."

The autogiography continues: daughter when she has been left in the harem of his deadly enemy? Who could fail to be amused as Hajj sets the merchants of the bazaar at each other's throats and bolts with their wares-an unethical, if you will, but a highly amusing bit of action. Who could help but smile at human

would take as a retainer. I answered, 'You haven't enough money to employ me as an attorney in your case after what you have said to me.'

Sawyer is said then to have offered to pay La Follette reported to Judge Slebecker announced he would not try the treasury cases. Then the news of the attempt at bribery was published. Sawyer defined he had offered any bribe. He asserted he did not know La Follette was related to Judge Slebecker. His friends took up the matter, and powerful pressure was exerted on the press, and La Follette, was denounced on all sides. Anonymous letters began to pour in notifying him that if he dared to show his head in politics again he would do well to arrange for a lot in the cemetery.

"I felt I had few friends," La Follette continued. "I knew I had no money—could command the support of no newspaper, and yet I grew strong in the conviction that in the end Wisconsin would be free. And in the end if was so."

Hairpins as Evidence

## "The task at hand is the task that imagine they felt very mystical and oriental about it, as Mr. Skinner ex-

Pool of Water. upon his little finger, until it became necessary for him to dispatch his enemy by drowning him in the pool. This time the ring slipped from his finger, and sank to the floor of the steel pool, in ten feet or more of water.

"Holy Mike," said Mr. Skinner to himself in an undertone, "here's where I Perkins, "and lack of this preparation lose my friend's ring, and a friendship is what causes a dearth of these men of a lifetime all at once. There was that ring at the bottom of the steel that ring at the bottom of the steel tank. What was I to do? I was up against a proposition good and hard. My luck is gone and I shall never get the ring again and my friend will never forgive me." All of these thoughts were coursing through the actor's mind while Skinner, as Hajj, lay at the brink of the pool, at one of the most tense moments of the play, while he counted the bubbles that rose to the surface of the pool, and held his audience spell-bound with his dramatic and consummate art.

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Finally, however, the ring was recovered, and after it has brought luck to the "Kismet" production it will be returned to its owner.

"While I do not believe much in amulets myself, "said Mr. Skinner, "I do believe in the happy influence of good wishes. Not in any mystic way, but because of their direct influences. To mention only one phase—no one can fall to be buoyed up, to be bound to respond to the expectations of his friends. I count it much that Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske came over to Washington to see my opening performance on Wednesday night in the New National.

Wife Sends Him

Wife Sends Him Luck From Their Home.

Mr. Skinner did not say so, but he also counted it a great pleasure to remark that the charming Mrs. Skinner was another one of these who was wishing all sorts of good luck to him on the opening night of "Kismet," who

# IS TAKING PASTEUR TREATMENT HERE

#### Dr. Charles W. Naughty, Johannes Petersen, Despon-Exposed to Rabies Infection, Takes Precaution.

Dr. Charles W. Naughty, jr., a Federal court officer of New York city, is taking the Pasteur treatment, for rabbles, at the Hygienic Laboratory of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service today.

Dr. Naughty is apprehensive of possible infection with the malady through a sore on his hand, which was exposed in treating a fellow physician.

Last Wednesday Dr. Naughty was Now on Exhibition there he found that Dr. Charles L. Big red and russet apples were ar- a violent form. It required the efforts

#### "Jack the Slapper" Sought in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23 .- 'Jack the slapper" is causing the police of Mc-Seesport a great deal of worriment these pre-Christmas evenings. He has out and hope to arrest him shortly. This individual, wearing a long black raincoat and a cap pulled down over

his eyes, suddenly appears in a holiday crowd, and rushing up to a pretty young woman, slaps her in the face and runs away, losing himself in the crowd be-fore his victim recovers from her astonshment. Detectives have been assigned to mingle with the holiday crowds and watch for the man.
Only last week the McKeesport police caught a "Jack the hugger" and sent him to the workhouse for a ninety-day

# Simple Rites for

# INMATE ENDS HIS LIFE WITH BULLET

### dent Over Illness, Shoots Himself.

Police of the Tenth precinct were no tifled this morning of the suicide last night at the Soldiers' Home of Johannes Petersen, former first sergeant of Company K, Third Infantry, who ended his life by firing a bullet into his brain.

Ill health is believed to have been the motive that prompted Petersen to September 28, 1911, was discharged from Hearing a shot shortly after 9 o'clock last night, one of the doctors rushed to the room occupied by Petersen and found him lying across the bed with blood flowing from the wound in his right temple. By his side was a small caliber revolver with which he had shot himself. He was taken to the operating room, where ne died twenty minutes later.

Peterson was born in Denmark in 871 and came to this country in 1889. He enlisted in the army in 1893, and served until last September, when he was discharged because of his physi cal condition.

#### Shoplifting Girls Go to Reform School

Lizzie Lee, Luberta Thomas, and Mabel Brown, colored, and shoplifters extraordinary, will spend Christmas in the reform school, being sentenced by Judge De Lacy in the Juvenila

Court.

Equipped with black bags, the girls have been operating in the stores for the last three weeks. Hats, aprons, handkerchiefs, stockings, dresses, gloves, pen-knives, underclothes and scissors—in all nearly a wagon load—had been lifted. Tears and supplications were of no avail as the girls were sent away. were sent away.

#### Long Idle Furnaces Will Be Started Up

READING, Pa., Dec. 23.-The Temple anthracite blast furnace will be started Captain Logan Tucker up about January 10. This stack went out of blast February 10, 1910, and has been idle ever since. The Temple furnace has a capacity of about 1,000 tons

# BRAIN NOT BRAWN IS HIGH SALARIED COMMERCIAL NEED

#### Banker Perkins Says \$10,-000 Men Are Scarce for \$10,000 Jobs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- "The reason it is so hard to find \$10,000-a-year men for Later he found the ring and placed it \$10,000-a-year jobs is because \$10,000-ayear men never have to look for jobs: they always have them," declared George W. Perkins, former partner of J. P. Morgan in an interview published

today "It takes men years to prepare themselves for \$10,000-a-year jobs," continued The man who reaches the \$10,000 point is the man who knows not only his own job thoroughly, but that of the man ahead of him. It is no longer a question of brawn as much as brains."

#### Range Lights in Canal Zone Are Being Planned

In the Canal Record, the official journal of the Panama canal diggers, which reached Washington from Ancon today, it is announced that the Government is now setting range lights along the canal for the guidance of mariners at night, and is also experimenting with a new sun valve which is expected to save much money to the Government in the decreased consumption of acetylene gas with which the lights are operated.

The sun valve consists of a copper cylinder which exands when the sun shines on it, thus shutting off the gas, and contracts when the sun sets at night, opening the valve, and letting the gas flow into the burner again. A small pilot light is left burning to light the gas each eventure.

ing.
Gas range lights now in use burn
with the same flame day and night.

#### Judge Convicts Both Accused and Accuser

BERLIN, Dec. 23.-German judges have a way of pronouncing both the accused and the complainant guilty. Such a paradoxical verdict has just been rendered in one of the Berlin courts in which a gay old lothario was declared guilty of insulting a woman

declared guilty of insuiting a woman and sent to prison for three months, and the woman fined \$125.

Otto Kamphenkel, aged sixty-three, attended a dinner at the home of Wilhelm Jacobi. After drinking a large quantity of wine, Kamphenkel, a well-known race stable owner, made love to the governess in the Jacobi family, a French woman, aged thirty-eight. He received a sharp slap in return for his attentions. This so infuriated the old fellow that he knocked the governess down four stairs.

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The court, by some strange mental process, decided the woman's conduct also was reprehensible in resenting the old fellow's familiarity so violently, and decided that three months' imprisonment for Kamphenkel and 500 marks fine for the governess would satisfy justice.

#### Davis, Surrendered By Bondsman, Goes to Cell

Frank C. Davis, an alleged bogus heck man, was greatly surprised, and so was his counsel, Matthew E. O'Brien, yesterday, in Criminal Court No. 2, when the bondsman of the prisoner surrendered him. Davis had hurried to Washington on a telegraphic request, and expected to return last evening to Chicago, to spend Christmas with his wife. Immediately after Davis pleaded not guilty, Attorney James B. Archer, representing the surety, informed the court his client wished to surrender the defendant, and instead of returning to Chicago Davis was remanded to jail. Davis is charged with passing bad checks for amounts aggregating several hundred dollars last July. Among his alleged victims were Schwartz & Pelzman, the Kahn Optical Company, Peter Cocoras, and the Saks Optical Company. yesterday, in Criminal Court No. 2, when

#### Morgan Offers to Pay **Expense of Taft Trip**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- J. Pierpont Morgan has volunteered to pay for three special private cars to bring kill himself. He had suffered a great President Taft and the ambassadors deal from chronic heart trouble and on from Washington to the Citizens' Peace banquet to be given at the called to Perth Amboy. Upon arrival the army because of disability. He there he found that Dr. Charles L. Bell was suffering with hydrophobia in a violent form. It required the efforts infirmary connected with the hospital. some embarrassment as to financing the trip until Morgan stepped into the breach.

Many wealthy men have reserved entire tables at \$10 a plate for the banquet.

#### Nine-Year-Old Girl Writes Christmas Book

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.-A remark-

ably entertaining and well-written story "Journeys With Fairy Christmas." the latest book by little Winifred Sackville Stoner, the nine year-old authoress and linguist, daughter of Dr. James Buchanan Stoner, of the Public Health and Marine Service, now stationed in Pittsburgh, who is being urged by Congressmen from this section to succeed the late Surgeon General Wyman It is a graphic and breezy account of a worderful trip taken around the world by a little girl with a miniature fairy fanta Claus. Norway. Sweden, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, Germany, Holland, Spain, Italy, Russia, and Bethlehem are visited in the midnight trip of the little traveler and her fairy guide, who explains the many strange Christmas celebrations happened upon.

#### Violators of Motor Car Rules Are Fined

Three charges of violations of police regulations governing motor vehicles were filed in District branch of Police Court today. For exceeding twelve miles an hour in Connecticut avenue, Eugene Sybillin paid a fine of \$5, and David Hendrick forfeited \$5. Orren Dewitt paid \$5 for failing to dis-play his permit number.



# GAYNOR CRITICISES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Asserts Boys and Girls Are Getting Too Much in Their Heads and Will Not Work-Would Drop the Languages.

ing "reading, writing 'n' 'rithmatic" in the public schools along with a few other essentials and letting languages, for instance, wait for those who have more time for learning than those who end their schooling with the grades. Gives His Opinion.

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In giving his opinions of what the public schools in this country should do, Mayor Gaynor said:

"The public school should train our boys and girls to work; work with their hands as well as their heads. Schools, especially in the larger cities all over this country, are turning out boys and girls who think they are a little too good to do ordinary work. This is bad for the country.

"We are bringing boys and girls out of the common schools who, unless they can get jobs where they can sit on high stools or at typewriter, won't work. They have been taught too much, and think because they have been educated they should use their heads alone, and let others work with their hands.

"When I was a boy in the District school in the country and later in the village, I observed it was very easy to

BEING REMOVED IN

DYNAMITING CASE

RUMOR OF RECORDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—"We are teaching too much in the public schools to make good citizens, citizens who will think sufficiently to vote and at the same time willing to work with their hands."

This is Mayor W. G. Gaynor's criticism of the public school systems throughout the United States, and particularly of the New York public schools. "Boys are getting too much in their heads to want to work with their heads to want to work with their hands." the mayor holds, "and girls know too many other things to want to do housework."

Mayor Gaynor is an advocate of teaching "reading, writing 'n' 'rithmatie' is in discourage pupils by too much work, although then we were taught only too many subjects are taught in school and the children become disgusted because they think they are overloaded. None can learn all that is taught, while the great majority learn very little. "I think the largest percentage of children in our schools are just submerged—they just have their noses above water, struggling to breathe. They have more than they can do. We try to teach them too many things, and the result is they leave the common schools.

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Lot of Frills.

"There are a lot of frills and refinements now taught that ought to be dropped. French and German, for instance, are refinements. If there is any one who has ever learned French or German I wish they would come into my office and talk with me. Either boy or girl who has accomplished this cer-

# MINE WORKERS GET LARGE BONUS FOR

#### Secret Service Men Now Men in the Anthracite Fields Conducting an Investigation of the Report.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.-Federal Secret Service operatives, it is learned today, are investigating the report that records of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron workers are secretly taken from Indianapolis immediately following the arrest of John J. McNamara in the alleged dynamiting conspiracy. The Government wishes to ascertain if the report is true, what the records contained. where they were taken and who was responsible for their removal.

Federal Judge A. B. Anderson, whose court the dynamiting investigation is being conducted, left here today for New York to spend the holidays The Federal grand jury probing the alleged conspiracy will not meet again until January 3.

#### Daughters Purchase Large Floral Tribute

Provision for the purchase of a large ficial tribute to be placed on the casket containing the body of Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, editor of the official D. A. R. organ, today, was made by Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president of the society. It was subscribed to by members of the governing board.

"Official action cannot be taken or the death of Mrs. Avery until the board meeting on January 3," said Mrs. Scott this morning. "Dozens of telegrams have been sent her family by Washington Daugnters. Her/death was a great shock to us all."

### to Receive \$662,684 as Their Share.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 23.-In addition to the mine workers' flat increase of 10 per cent the profit-sharing plan instituted by the Roosevelt Strike Commission of 1902 has yielded to the men in the anthracite region an aggregate increase in wages of about \$30,000,000 in eight years. For example, under that sliding scale agreement the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, recently paid to its employes 10.7 cents per ton of coal mined in November, in addition to their regular earnings.

The shipments of anthracite in November amounted to 6.193,314 tons, and the bonus to the mine workers for the month was 8 per cent, according to the official notice sent on by the United States Commissioner of Cabor. On the basis of 10.7 cents per ton, the "sliding scale" causes an increase in the mine workers' pay for the month for all the companies amounting to \$662,684.

It was after awarding a flat 10 per cent increase in minimum pay that the strike commission provided for the arrangement giving the workers further benefits from advances in the price of coal. Under the award they receive per cent increase in wages for every advance of 5 cents above \$4.50 a ton in the price of anthracite at tidewater.

#### Approve Offer of Prizes for Police

The Commissioners have approved the offer of S. H. Vandergrift of \$50 in gold to be divided into three prizes of \$35, \$15, and \$10, respectively, and awarded to Mrs. Avery was the first woman member of the loard of education of Cleve-land, Ohio, and the first woman elected to public office in her State. She was prominent in club and educational work. the members of the mounted police

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# COMPANY PLAYING IN "HALF WAY TO PARIS" DISBANDED

#### Some Holiday Frost and Burden of Debts Responsible for Failure.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—"Helf Way to Paris," a theatrical organission playing at the Garrick Theater, has disbanded. The company so far has received nothing in its stockings but attachments for scenery, costumes, and these other accessories without which show is not much of a show. Christmas joy, anticipated, was turned into Christmas gloom, realized, when the recelpts failed to show enough to warrant keeping the company going.

The story of "Half Way to Paris" has its pathetic side. The play, a musical farce by Paul M. Potter, orened in Baltimore, at the Academy, about ten days ago, and it seemed to be doing well. But attachments began to come in. Some of the members of the company, with Christmastide all about them, were even in difficulties over their hotel bills. Samuel F. Nixon was the rescuer, who advanced \$400, and that allowed the company to discharge Its Baltimore obligations and come on to this city.

But conditions were little better here,

But conditions were little better here, and the large business which would have been necessary to put back the money advanced and keep on going did not materialize in this city. Again the hotel troubles arose, and the Christmas of the actors began to look like a lead holiday.

So it was decided to close the show. The actors, their eyes turned toward Broadway, were, many of them, without funds with which to reach New York. Then Mr. Potter played Santa Claus himself, and wired the morey to take them to New York was coming.

"Half Way to Paris" will probably reopen at the Bijou, New York, on New Year. Some of the actors will have a good Christmas. Some of them will remember the Christmas of 1911 only as one of these near-tragedies which are often their lot.

#### Italian Social Club **Elects Year's Officers**

At a recent meeting of the Italian Social Club of the Christ Child Society. the following officers were elected: Michael Cavalier, president; Humbert Letora, vice president; Miss Nellie Vitale, secretary; Miss Gowan, treasurer; Joseph Lawrence Maggio, musical director; Miss Hockinsworth, musical di-

given by the club will be at the club house, 219 C street northeast, Friday night, January 5. Matrons of the Christ Child Society will be chaperons

#### Cars to Accommodate Midnight Worshipers

In order that those who wish to attend the midnight mass at St. Pattend the midnight mass at St. Patrick's Church on Christmas eve may be able to return to their homes without having to walk or engage carriages, the street car lines in the vicinity of St. Patrick's will run until 2:30 o'clock Monday morning.

This courtesy has been extended by the management of the Washington Railway and Electric Company. The lines effected are the F and G, and Ninth and Eleventh street systems.

### DIVIDEND NOTICES

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. A Dividend of Two Dollars per share will be paid on Monday, January 15, 1912, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, December 30, 1911.

WILLIAM R. DRIVER, Treasurer. A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of four per cent on the Capital Stock of the Merchants and Mechanics' Savings Bank has been de-clared, payable January 1, 1912, to Stockhold-ers of record at the close of business December 27, 1911.

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